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Chap. 6 Sec. 1-Liberty Church - Greenbank

Records of Session and Church of the "Head of  
Greenbrier".

Bath County, Virginia. June 20, 1820.

Union Church of Christ in Bath County, Virginia, now  
Pocahontas, convened at the house of Mr. Joseph Wooddell,  
to consult the interest of the church and to revive it, if  
thought adviseable. Present of the former members of the  
church: Daniel Kerr, James Cooper, Jacob Gillispie, Nancy  
Kerr, Nancy Cooper and Martha Gillispie.

Upon request of Mr. Joseph Wooddell, he was by their  
unanimous vote, received again to full communion: Mr. Jos.  
Wooddell and Mr. Daniel Kerr, and they consented to act  
still in their former capacity of ruling Elders.

July 16, 1820

Mrs Elizabeth Hudson was received into full communion  
and Mr. James Wooddell and Mr. Jacob Burner were received  
to occasional communion.

June 30, 1821

Robert Kerr and Elizabeth Kerr received to full  
communion and Andrew Lines to occasional.

Sept. 2, 1822

Mrs Sarah Yeager and Mrs. Priscilla Wooddell re-  
ceived into full communion and Mrs. Anna Curry and Miss  
Edith Curry to occasional communion. Mr. Benj. Tellman  
was unanimously elected a ruling Elder.

Sept. 8, 1822

The preceeding are the records of the session during

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the labors of the Rev. Aretas Loomis.

Besides the proceedings, there are recorded the following baptisms:

June 13, 1819 -- John Daniel, son of Thomas Bradshaw

June 17, 1819 -- Eliza, daughter of James Cooper

June 20, 1819 -- Polly Kirkpatrick, daughter of Robert Kerr

Dec. 5, 1819 -- Rachel Primrose, daughter of Jacob Gillispie

Besides these there were nine other infant baptisms in 1820.

There is a note in the Session Book; This is the only record of this church that can be found from the year 1822-1831.

Tear of 1832.

## CHURCH REGISTER

Ruling Elders

(Joseph Wooddell  
(Daniel Kerr  
(Benj. Tallman  
(Boon Tallman  
(A. G. Mathews  
(Robert D. McCutcheon

Members who had belonged to the church up to this time:

James Cooper  
Nancy Cooper  
John Slavens  
Richard Hudson  
Nancy Hudson  
John Yeager  
Thomas Bradshaw  
Nancy Bradshaw  
Jane Gammon  
Robert Kerr  
Eliza Ann Kerr  
William Slavens  
Margaret Slavens  
Robert D. McCutcheon  
Elizabeth McCutcheon  
Margaret Ruckman  
Hugh McLaughlin  
Andrew G. Mathews  
Boon Tallman

Mrs. Mary Tallman  
Wm. Givens  
Mrs. Givens  
Mary Mathews  
Solomon Conrad  
Mrs. Conrad  
Wm. Arbogast  
Jane Arbogast  
Mrs. Jane Dysart  
Mrs. Ann Bruffey  
James H. Cooper  
Polly Kerr  
Wm. Gibson  
Isabella Gibson  
Mahala McElwee  
James A. Price  
Margaret D. Price  
Mrs. Ann Sharp

LOCALITY'S COUNTRY

Miss Shirat  
John White  
Mrs. White  
Edward Irvine  
Mrs. Irvine  
Mr. Gay  
Mrs. Gay  
Andrew A. Gatewood  
Henry M. Moffett  
Paul McNeel  
Ophelia Seal  
Robert Curry  
John McElwee  
John Moore  
Benj. F. Irvine  
James W. Gillispie  
James T. Hartman  
James A. Irvin  
John T. Cooper  
Marcus Williams  
John Gifford  
Adam Kerr  
Nancy McGloughlin  
Elizabeth D. Potts  
Jane McGloughlin  
Margaret Hartman  
Margaret Sharp  
Rezziah Hudson  
Mary A. Irvin  
Susan Nottingham  
Jane Sheets

Nancy Hartman  
Rachel Dysart  
Delila Wimbrenner  
Mary Wimbrenner  
William Dysart  
John Potts  
Elizabeth Potts  
Samuel Potts  
Jane Potts  
Abraham Hull, a colored man

I have spelled these names exactly as they were spelled on the old Session Book. Of course some of these had died and some had moved to other churches.

In the old Session Book is the following note:

In explanation of the foregoing records, it is proper to remark that they are put down as they were found on several pieces of loose paper. Some meetings of the session perhaps were never recorded, or were lost, so that nothing definitely is known on the subject. Those that are recorded seem to have been made during the labors of Rev. Aretas Loomis, James Kerr and John S. Blain.

It seems that Mr. Loomis was not in the habit of inviting the members of other churches to commune unless they first came before the session and stood an examination.

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When this was done, they were received to "occasional communion". This serves to explain why some were received in this way and not so the members of the church.

Joseph Brown, transcriber.

Sept. 22, 1844

The session convened at Dear Creek Union Church and was opened in prayer by Rev. Thomas.

Aug. 11, 1850

Elected Ruling Elders: Thomas Kerr, David W. Kerr, Robert D. McCutcheon.

March 16, 1851

Session convened at Mrs. Arbogast's and was opened with prayer by the Rev. L. Emerson. Session resolved that Presbytery be invited to hold its fall session at the new church that is now in its building.

June 15, 1851

Session convened at the new church that is now in building.

Nov. 4, 1855

Session opened by Rev. E. Thomas. Mr. Thomas advised the session that as the congregation has no pastor or stated supply, that they have prayer meeting and Sabbath school each Sabbath day.

Oct. 30, 1858

First meeting of Greenbrier Presbytery in this place with this congregation.

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Aug. 21, 1859

A number of the members of Liberty Church, living near Baxter Church petitioned Greenbrier Presbytery last spring to be organized into a church at Baxter and Presbytery granted their request and made the necessary arrangements for the organization of the church at Baxter. The session transferred the following members from Liberty Church to be organized into a church at Baxter:

Robert D. McCutcheon) Elders  
Robert Curry )

Elizabeth McCutcheon  
Nancy McGloughlin  
Samuel H. McCutcheon  
Christiana Jane McCutcheon  
Elizabeth E. Curry  
Caroline R. Nottingham  
Nancy C. McCutcheon  
Matilda G. Craig  
Caroline E. Warwick  
John B. McCutcheon  
Wm. A. G. McCutcheon  
Robert L. McCutcheon  
Elizabeth E. McCutcheon  
Mary Jane McGloughlin

Dec. 4, 1859

A collection was taken for domestic missions amounting to \$3.10.

May 21, 1861

A collection was taken for the Board of Education amounting to \$2.45.

June 22, 1862

A collection was taken for missions among the Southern Indians amounting to \$3.50.

Oct. 26, 1862

A collection was taken up to aid the Confederate



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Bible Society amounting to \$4.70.

From 1862 to 1866 there is no record.

November 1871

Elders elected: Peter H. Claven, Wm. L. Brown,  
and Jacob Bible.

Aug. 18, 1872

A public collection was taken up today for the cause  
of sustentation, amounting to \$4.50

Mar. 30, 1873

A public collection was taken up today for the cause of  
Foreign missions, amounting to \$2.35.

July 19, 1874

A Sacramental meeting was held in Liberty Church today  
by the pastor and the Revs. Messrs. Laird and Price from  
the Lexington Presbytery.

Oct 10, 1875

It was reported that the salary to the pastor was  
all paid.

1st Sabbath in Sept. 1888

Session met and elected trustees for the church, the  
former trustees having died. The following were elected:  
J. P. Moomau, Geo. W. Kerr, Uriah Hevener, Chas. A. Lightner  
and Wm. L. Brown.

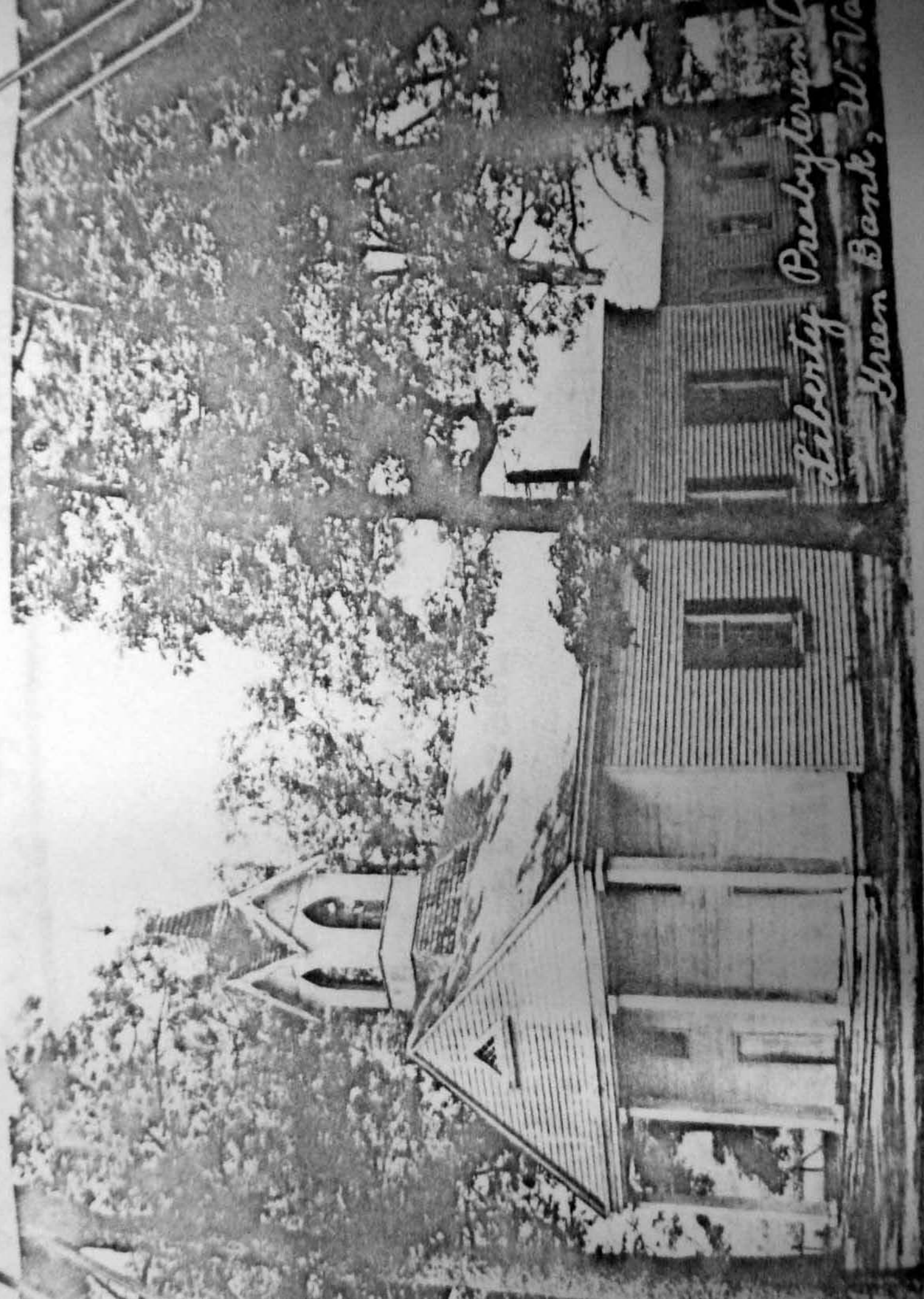
Aug. 14, 1891

Dr. J. P. Moomau and Dr. C. S. Austin were unanimously  
elected Ruling Elders.

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CHURCH REGISTER FOR 1896.

W. L. Brown )		Zack Nottingham
J. B. Hannsh )	Elders	Mrs. Zack Nottingham
J. P. Moomau )		Robt. W. Gum
C. S. Austin )		Jno. R. Gum
Geo. W. Kerr )	Deacons	Henry S. Cooper
C. A. Lightner )		Austin Lightner
Phoebe Phillips		Wm. H. Gum
Mary W. Wooddell		Lucy C. Moomau
Jane E. Curry		Mattie M. Austin
Polly K. Ervin		Boon Moomau
Minerva J. Kerr		J. W. H. Siple
Addie E. Brown		Anna M. Lightner
Preston C. Ervin		Grace H. Halston
Nannie J. Moomau		Anna Gum
Uriah Hevener		Isabel Brown
James D. Kerr		Anna L. Hannah
Lizzie Hannah		Maggie L. Gum
Flora C. Moomau		David Bright
Wm. B. Wooddell		Cora Ervin
Mary M. Moomau		Mary Conrad
Ida L. Brown		Cora Conrad
Mary M. Brown		Maggie Gum
M. Grace Hevener		Sarah Brown
Vesta Kerr		W. R. Brown
John W. Logan		Wash Ray
Mattie Hevener		J. P. Hamilton
Mrs. C. A. Lightner		Robt. J. Brown
Mrs. Jane Warwick		Wallace Sutton
Mrs. Jno. Halston		Henry Brown
Nannie Warwick		Robt. L. Brown
Mary Warwick		Filden Brown
Laban H. Wilfong		Samuel Hannah
Mary E. Wilfong		Hevener Hannah
Lillian E. Moomau		Pearl L. Brown
Rube M. Halston		Marian Ray
Mary L. Kerr		Minnie Ray
Odessa R. Kerr		O. W. Ruckman
Samuel J. Sutton		Hiram Wooddell
Maggie T. Kerr		Clawdie J. W. Brown
Ruberta Gum		Mrs. Halda Wooddell
Laura Kerr		Mrs. Marian Ray
John R. Hevener		Mrs. Nancy Galford
M. B. Trainer		Allen Galford
Alla Trainer		Mrs. Robt. J. Brown
Nennie Ray		Thos. S. Patterson
Geo. Hannah		Maggie L. Ervin
Blanche Gum		Pattie Hannah



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LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - Greenbank, W. Va.

Organized 1804 -

Church built in 1851.

Chapter 6 - Section 1

Liberty Church (1804)

Liberty Church at Greenbank, first known as "Head of Greenbrier" (then in Bath County, Virginia) was organized in 1804. This church traces its origin to the labors of Aretas Loomis, pioneer minister in the Tygart's Valley region, and there is a record of the Rev. John McCue's having visited "Head of Greenbrier" during his ministry in the Lewisburg and Union Churches in 1783-1791.

The new church was built and dedicated Oct. 11, 1851. Dedication sermon was preached by the Rev. B. M. Smith, from the 122 Psalm and first verse.

There is no record of regular pastorate in Liberty Church before 1860, but sessional records indicate occasional services by visiting ministers, among whom are named: Rev. L. Emerson, Rev. Calvin Barr, Rev. Henry Brown, Rev. M. D. Dunlap, Rev. M. L. Lacy and Rev. C. C. See.

Roll of ministers of Liberty Church:

R. P. Kennedy	1860-1866
David Sydenstricker	1872-1873
A. H. Hamilton	1874-1875
J. H. McCown	1878-1871
Wm. T. Price	1888-1890
B. A. Pendleton (Supply)	1891
John V. McCall (Supply)	1892
E. F. Alexander	1893-1895
R. M. Caldwell	1896-1899
Henry W. McLaughlin	1900-1903

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ASA Watkins (Supply)	1903-1904
R. E. Fultz	1904-1906
W. W. Bain	1907-1910
J. S. Kennison	1910-1913
L. H. Lancaster (Supply)	1913-1914
H. H. Leach (Supply)	1915
L. A. Kelly	1916-1917
J. M. Sydenstricker (Supply)	1918
D. McD. Monroe	1919-1924
George W. Mauze (Supply)	1926-1928
D. McD. Monroe	1919-1937
A. B. Williford	1938-present

"Head of Greenbrier" was one of the original churches of the Greenbrier Presbytery at the time of the Presbytery's organization in 1338, and the church was organized by Lexington Presbytery. This old church has a fine record of service through the years.

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